

Lifespan Respite Care Program

Project Summary

Grantee Organization: South Carolina Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging

State: South Carolina

Project Period: August 2012 through February 2014

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Project Overview:

The South Carolina Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging in partnership with the South Carolina Respite Coalition and key stakeholders will build upon the successes of their existing program to integrate respite services into an expanded, statewide, coordinated Lifespan Respite System that is sustainable. The project **goal** is to improve access to quality respite services for all family caregivers across ages and special needs.

To achieve this goal, the grantee will work towards the following **objectives**: 1) enhance lifespan respite services at state and local levels by increasing outreach and broadening stakeholder engagement; 2) improve information and assistance to access services through enhanced coordination of ADRCs and Family to Family Health Information Centers; 3) fill gaps and increase availability of respite by providing vouchers to families; 4) improve information dissemination and training through the development of a dedicated website for respite information, education and training materials; and 5) increase integration by building local networks to recruit and train volunteers and provide respite through increased outreach and training to faith communities.

Outcomes and Products:

The anticipated **outcomes** of the program include 1) improved local and regional collaboration, 2) increased number of families receiving respite, 3) increased respite options, 4) new knowledge to the fields of aging, disabilities and lifespan respite.

Anticipated **products** include an annual Respite Conference/Summit, a website dedicated to respite services, respite booklets, brochures and a tool kit, and voucher program materials.